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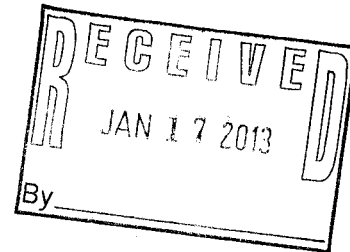


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Re: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.  
Docket # WS-03478A-12-0307

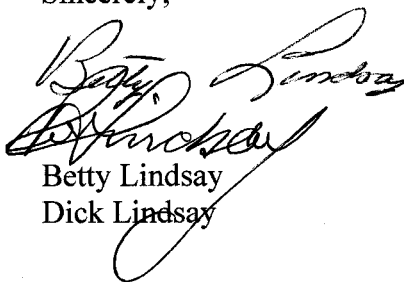


We are very much against the requested 188.05% proposed rate increase from Far West Water & Sewer Inc. This would increase our monthly cost for sewer from \$21.75 per month to \$62.65 per month.

These high rate increases have been requested in previous years. We do not believe there is a necessity for this large of an increase. It seems like poor management by the Schechert Trust in their businesses in the Foothills area of Yuma is the cause of the problem. There are numerous business enterprises in this area of Yuma country owned by the same Schechert Trust, Sandra Braden and/or Paula and Andrew Capestro. Is Far West being used to fund other business enterprises? Is this legal?


People on fixed incomes as well as young families cannot afford the increase in sewer bills. A utility company is a necessity for the benefit of the consumers, not for the excessive profit taking from private owners.

Sincerely,

  
Betty Lindsay  
Dick Lindsay

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January 17, 2013

Bob Stump  
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Re: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.  
Docket# WS-05478A-12-0307

We are concerned about the extreme increase in sewer rates that Far West Water & Sewer, Inc. has requested. The increased that they are asking will increase the rate from \$21.75 per month to \$62.65 per month. This is an increase of 188.05%, this is not a reasonable request.

Per Far West and as stated in the Yuma Sun on December 12<sup>th</sup> 2012 "Far West does not have sufficient resources to pay all of its bills as they become due and obligations to multiple parties are severely overdue". It appears that Far West is not able to manage its business or more likely money has been co-mingled between their many businesses. A full audit of Far West is needed to determine why they are having financial problems and determine where money that should have gone to improving and maintaining the system was spent.

We are retired as are many of our neighbors, this is not a reasonable increase for those of us on fixed incomes. We are sure that it also has an impact on young people with families in these hard economic times.

Please reject the requested sewer rate increase and initiate a full review and audit of Far West and their business practices. We would understand a reasonable and fair increase but only after a full investigation of Far West.

We agree with the suggestion the your Commission should consider letting Far West go into bankruptcy forcing the sale of the Water and Sewer Company.

Sincerely

Dennis Cummins

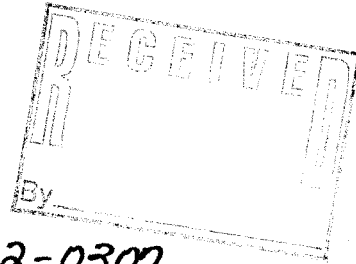


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WS-03478A-12-0307

Re: Lowest water & sewer rate increase

To Whom It May Concern,

I am 56 yrs old on social security disability. I can not afford 188% increase in my sewer fees. This year I only received a 1.7% increase in the cost of living.

I feel that I should not have to pay for the mismanagement of funds by the owners. They seem to live high on the hog and strip the company for all its worth. It is truly outrageous and criminal the way ~~they~~ they run this business.

They are using us as their personal piggy bank, to keep their many businesses going, shame on them. This is the only place I know of that owns so many of the businesses (monopoly) and gets away with bullying the people who live here.

I am against such an overly excessive increase in sewer charges.

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